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SUBJ: GOM OFFICIAL ON LOS CONFERENCE

REF: A-3095 DATED JULY 27, 1977

1. ON AUGUST 22 EMBOFF PASSED USDEL'S UNCLASSIFIED REPORT ON NEW YORK LOS CONFERENCE TO MFA DIRECTOR FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS MUSTAPHA GHARBI. GHARBI VOLUNTEERED OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE:

A. STRAITS: THE GOM HAD NOT AGREED WITH SPAIN'S OVERFLIGHT PROPOSALS IN THE STRAITS. IT HAD, HOWEVER, SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ICNT REGARDING THE STRAITS AND IT WOULD EXPRESS THESE DURING THE NEXT MEETING IN GENEVA. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE GOM WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE USER STATE TRANSITING THE STRAITS. THE EXISTING TEXT DID NOT ADDRESS THESE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE GOM'S SATISFACTION. WHILE POLLUTION WAS A PRIME CONCERN OF MOROCCO'S IN THIS RESPECT, IT WAS NOT ITS ONLY CONCERN.

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B. AMERASINGHE: GHARBI WARNED IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE U.S. TO ATTEMPT TO "DUMP" AMERASINGHE. HE WAS VITAL TO THE CONFERENCE IF IT IS EVER TO SUCCEED. THE G-77 WOULD RESENT ANY SUCH MOVE. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, HE NOTED IT WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO PRESENT COMPROMISE PROPOSALS AS THE CONFERENCE ISSUES GROUND DOWN TO MORE TOUCHY CONCRETE MATTERS. ENGO, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD ATTEMPTED TO PUT FORWARD SOME COMPROMISE PROPOSALS

AND WAS ACCUSED BY EVEN SOME G-77 MEMBERS OF HARBORING PERSONAL AMBITIONS IN A FUTURE LOS-RELATED ORGANIZATION.

C. US POSITION: GHARBI TERMED U.S. "THREATS" AS UNFORTUNATE. HE PREDICTED THAT, IF THESE THREATS WERE REITERATED OR REMAINED OUTSTANDING AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT SESSION, THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ALREADY IN BAD SHAPE, WOULD BE DOOMED.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF DID NOT QUESTION THE SPECIFICS OF THE GOM'S PROBLEMS ON THE STRAITS ISSUE AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT GHARBI'S INTENTIONS WERE IN ALLUDING TO HIS COUNTRY'S CONTINUING RESERVATIONS. HE DOES, HOWEVER, HAVE A HABIT OF GOING BACK OVER OLD GROUND AND MAY HAVE JUST SEIZED ON HIS CAPTIVE -- AND IGNORANT -- AUDIENCE TO REITERATE A FAVORITE THEME.

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